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Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.:	ASJ-MVK-2006-1370
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EXPIRATION DATE:	May 14, 2007

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services are considering an application for a Department of the Army permit and State water quality certification for the work described herein. A water quality certification is required in accordance with statutory authority contained in the LRS 30:2074 A (3) and provisions of the Clean Water Act. Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-OD-F, at the above address, and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39289-0385, and must reach these offices by the cited expiration date.

Law Requiring a Permit: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), which applies to discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

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Location of Work: Section 30 of T27N-R3W, latitude 34° 10' 49" longitude 90° 32' 34", within the Yazoo River drainage basin, Leflore County, Mississippi.

Description of Work: (See enclosed map and drawings.)

The following descriptions of the proposed project and associated impacts are based upon information provided by the applicant.

The applicant is applying for a Department of the Army permit to mechanically clear and fill wetlands associated with expansion of the Sunbelt Industrial Park in Coahoma County, Mississippi.

The applicant proposes to expand the Sunbelt Industrial Park by installing utility lines, a rail spur and roadways in the eastern portion of the industrial park. A new ethanol production plant, warehouse, and processing facilities would be constructed in this location.

The project site consists of approximately 85 acres of which approximately 18.9 acres are wetlands. Approximately 12.9 acres of jurisdictional wetlands would be impacted while approximately 6.0 acres of jurisdictional wetlands adjacent to the intermittent stream would be avoided. The dominant species of vegetation at the three delineated wetland sites include: *Carya aquatica*, *Celtis laevigata*, *Liquidambar styraciflua*, *Quercus nigra*, *Quercus phellos*, and *Vitis labrusca*. Soils on the project site consist of the Alligator series and are poorly drained.

Approximately 0.7 acre of other waters of the United States would include Hopson Bayou Drainage Ditch, an intermittent stream located along the western boundary of the proposed project. Approximately 140 linear feet (LF) would be filled while 2860 LF would be avoided. The intermittent stream would be culverted with the appropriate size culvert to insure no interruption of the flow of the stream on south end of the project. The culvert would impact 40 LF of stream. Two old tank railroad cars would be used as a culvert type structure for the railroad crossing and the proposed road crossing at the northern boundary. Each tank car would impact 50 LF of the stream.

Approximately 10,000 cubic yards of fill material would be obtained from the spoil bank along the Hopson Bayou Drainage Ditch and would be placed in wetlands.

The placement of dredged and/or fill material in waters of the United States associated with the mechanized land clearing and highway construction activities requires a Department of the Army Permit.

Upon reviewing this notice, you should write to this office to provide your opinion of the impacts this work will have on the natural and human environment and address any mitigation you believe is necessary to offset these impacts. Other comments are welcome, but the above information will further our review of the applicant's plan as proposed. Comments of a general nature are not as helpful as those specific to the impacts of the subject project.

State Water Quality Permit: The State Pollution Control Agency must certify that the described work will comply with the State's water quality standards and effluent limitations before a Corps permit is issued.

Cultural Resources: An initial review indicates that the proposed project would not affect any of the sites in Coahoma County listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Copies of this notice have been sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer, Federally Recognized Tribes, and other interested parties for comment on potential effects to cultural resources that could result from this activity. In a letter dated January 4, 2007, Mr. Jim Woodrick, Review and Compliance Officer of Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) reviewed the cultural resources report submitted by the applicant and stated that no sites were eligible for listing in the NRHP. He further stated that MDAH had no reservations with the proposed project.

Endangered Species: Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any endangered species or their critical habitat. This proposal is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and any comments regarding endangered species or their critical habitat will be addressed in our evaluation of the described work.

Flood Plain: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a flood plain development permit is required. Flood plain administrators should review the proposed development described in this public notice and apprise this office of any flood plain development permit requirements. The agent has stated that an application for a Conditional Letter of Map Revisions has been placed with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the applicant.

Evaluation Factors: The decision whether or not to issue a permit will be based upon an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits that may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its expected adverse effects. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use classification, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food requirements and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the proposed activity will include application of the guidelines published by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

Public Involvement: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. These comments will be used to evaluate the impacts of this project. All comments will be considered and used to help determine whether to issue the permit, deny the permit, or issue the permit with conditions, and to help us determine the amount and type of mitigation necessary. This information will be used in our Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing.

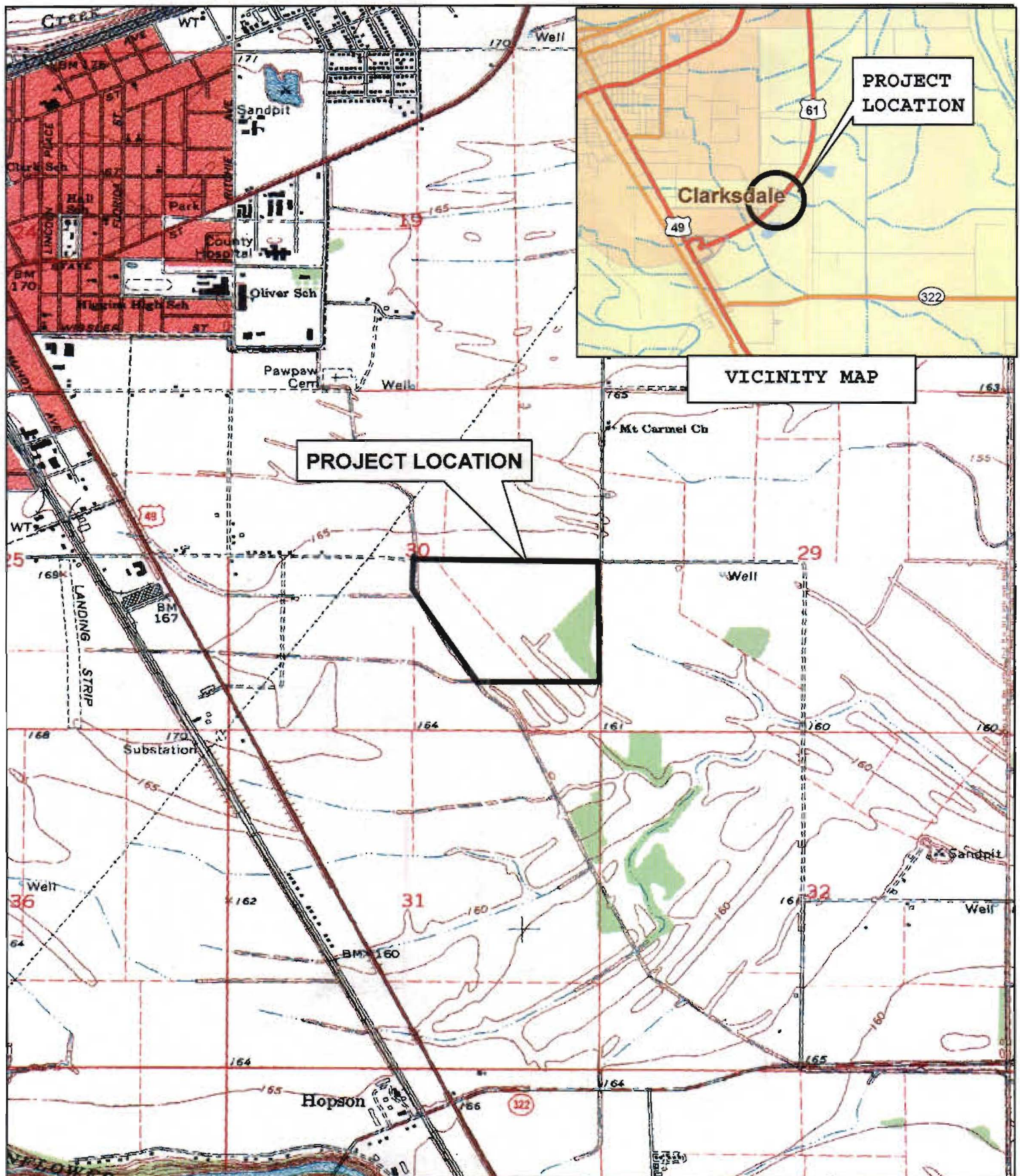
Opportunity for a Public Hearing: Any person may make a written request for a public hearing to consider this permit application. This request must be submitted by the public notice expiration date and must clearly state why a hearing is necessary. Failure of any agency or individual to comment on this notice will be interpreted to mean that there is no objection to the proposed work. Please bring this announcement to the attention of anyone you know who might be interested in this matter.

Notification of Final Permit Actions: Each month, the final permit actions from the preceding month are published on the Vicksburg District Regulatory web page. To access this information, you may follow the link from the Regulatory web page, <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/offices/od/odf/main.asp>, or go directly to the Final Permit Actions web page at <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/offices/od/odf/PubNotice/MonthlyNotice/pnmain.asp>.



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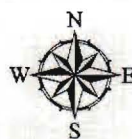
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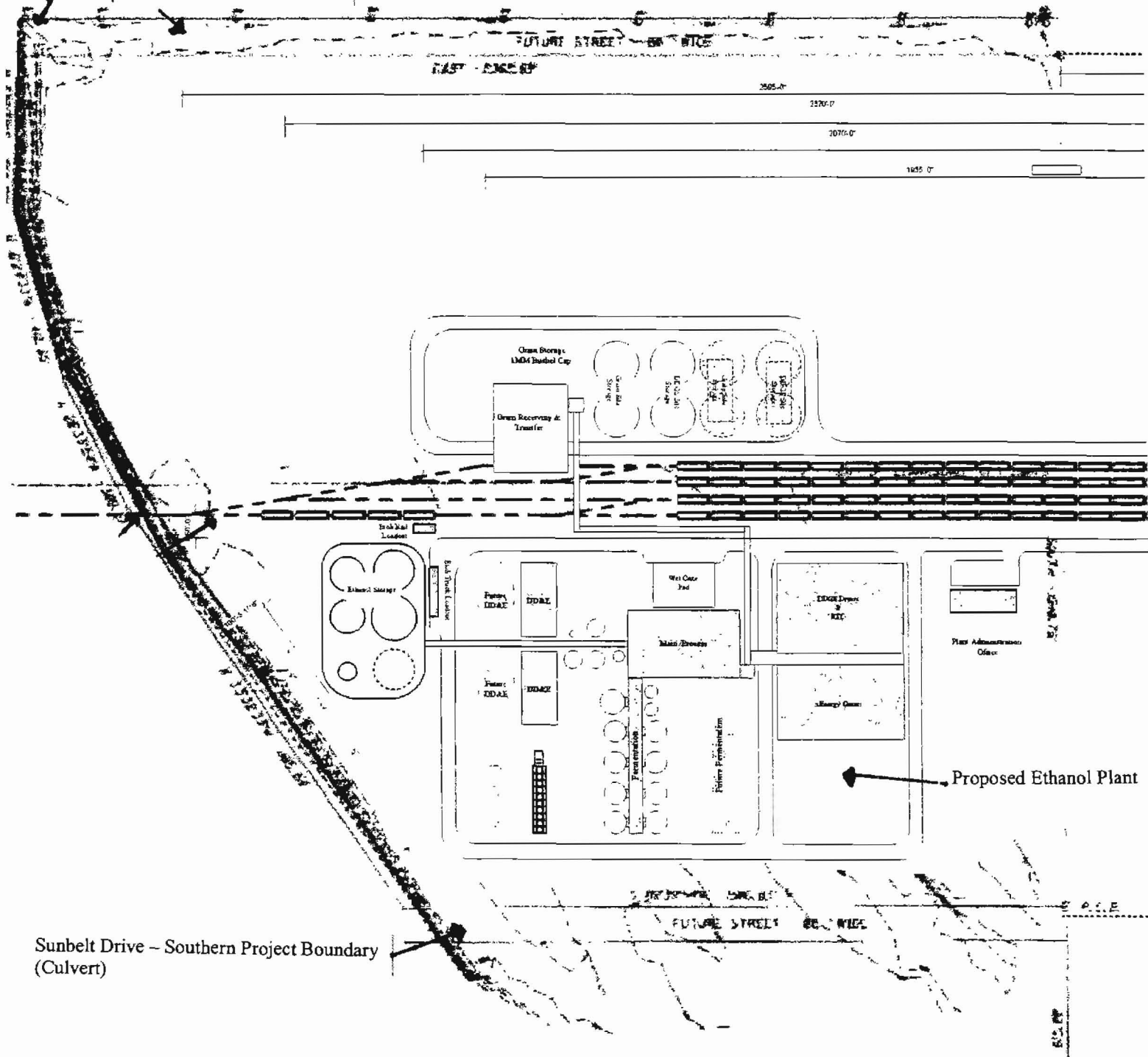
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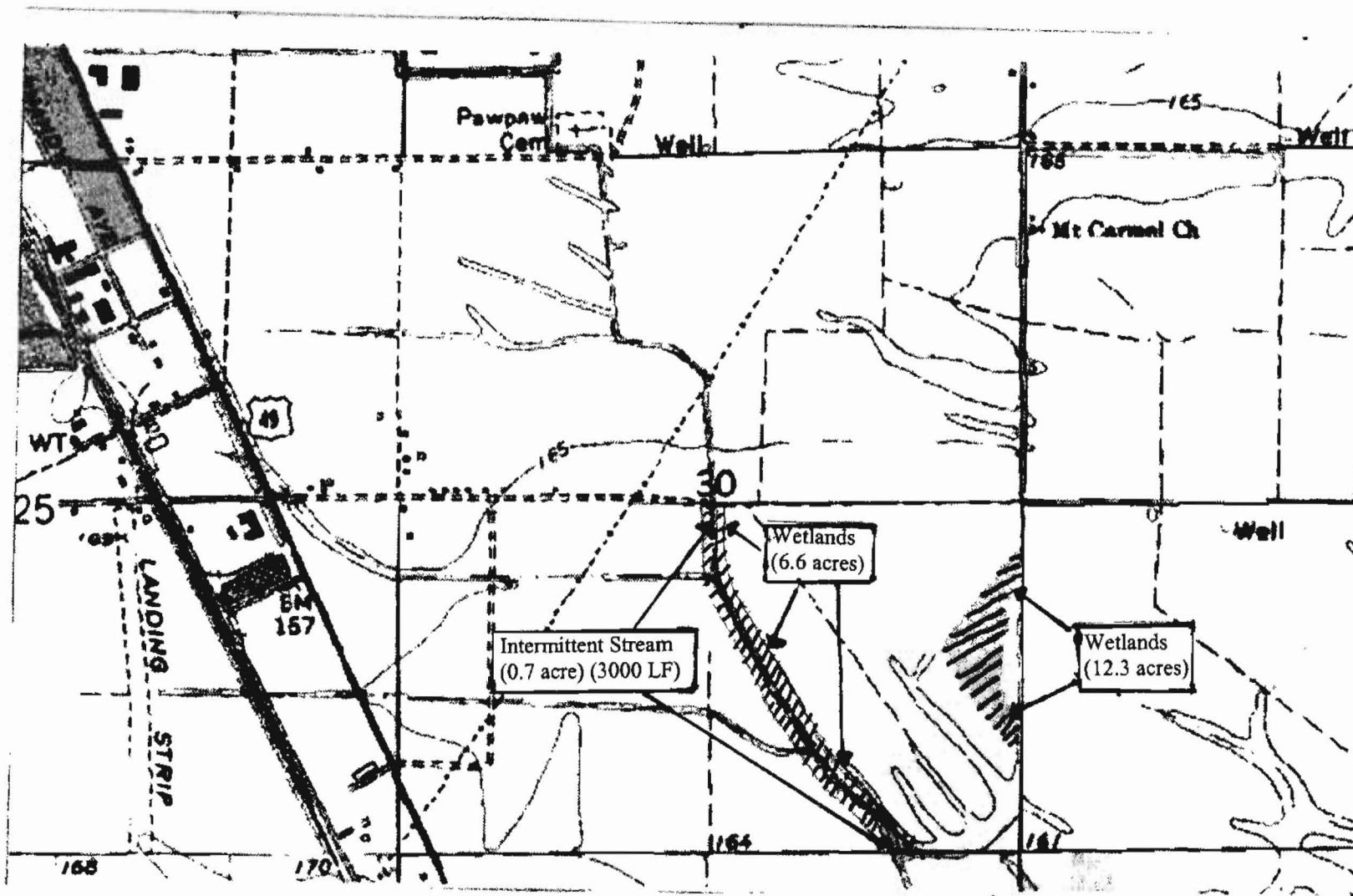
Proposed Road – Northern Project Boundary
(Old Tank Car)



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WETLAND MAP – MVK-2006-1370



Wetlands - [hatched pattern]

Intermittent Stream - [dashed line]

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